Fresno County Agriculture Department Career Opportunity

Agricultural/Standards Specialist I/II/III I-\$2,584-\$3,143 / II-\$2,857-\$3,473 / III-\$3,213-\$3,906 (Monthly)

Fresno County would like to invite your application for Agricultural/Standards Specialist I/II/III to be part of a multi-billion dollar agricultural industry in Fresno County. Although enforcement of the laws and regulations is part of the Specialist's job, the primary purpose and objective of our Department is the *promotion* and *protection* of the county agricultural industry and the general public. In order to accomplish this task, we are divided into three divisions: Pest Detection and Exclusion Division, Environmental Protection and Pest Management Division, and Weights and Measures/Standardization and Statistics Division.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:		
Education:	Levels I/II/III	Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in agricultural or biological sciences that is acceptable within the United States accredited college or university system.
State Licenses:	Level I	Possession of one (1) valid license from either List A or List B issued by the California Department of Food and Agriculture.
	Level II	Possession of a minimum of five (5) valid licenses issued by the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Of the five (5), three (3) must be from List A. The other two (2) may be any from List B.
	Level III	Possession of all eight (8) valid licenses from List A and List B issued by the California Department of Food and Agriculture.
Driver's License:	Levels I/II/III	Possession of California Class "C" Driver's License (which must be noted on front of application). Class "A" may be required.
Experience	Level I	Requires no previous experience.
	Level II	One (1) year of full-time paid work experience equivalent to that gained as an Agricultural/Standards Specialist I with Fresno County.
	Level III	One (1) year of full-time paid work experience equivalent to that gained as an Agricultural/Standards Specialist II with Fresno County.

At the discretion of the hiring department, candidates may be hired at the I, II, or III level depending on qualifications.



NOTE: Candidates must possess knowledge of the California Food and Agricultural Code, California Code of Regulations, California Business and Professions Code; applicable Fresno County ordinances, and the principles of botany, entomology, plant pathology, physical science, related laboratory techniques, basic mathematics, and types of crops grown and farming methods practiced in Fresno County.

LICENSES			
LIST A	LIST B		
September 2 Pesticide Regulation Pest Prevention and Plant Regulation Weight Verification	 Investigation and Environmental Monitoring Integrated Pest Management Commodity Regulation Measurement Verification 		
	Transaction and Product Verification		

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:

Conducts agricultural surveys, inspections, and investigations to enforce provisions of the California Food and Agricultural Code, California Code of Regulations, and Fresno County Ordinance Code. (This is relating to the protection of various segments of the County engaged in producing or utilizing agricultural and other plant products, and the provision of weights and measures protective services.) Performs pesticide use and field worker safety inspections. Identifies, controls, and eradicates plant diseases, noxious weeds, vertebrate, and insect pest infestations. Performs fruit, vegetable and egg quality inspections, inspects, tests, seals, or condemns commercial weighing and measuring instruments, in accordance with the California Business and Professions Code, California Code of Regulations, and Fresno County Ordinance Code.

<u>APPLY AT:</u> Submit a completed Fresno County application and copy of your valid license issued by the California State Department of Food and Agriculture <u>between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.</u>, to Fresno County Personnel, 2220 Tulare Street, 14th Floor, Fresno, CA 93721. <u>Applications may be delivered in person, mailed, faxed or submitted electronically (see web-site for electronic application)</u>. Apply immediately as this recruitment may close at any time. Questions: (559) 488-3364 - Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) - (559) 262-4833.

Website Address: www.co.fresno.ca.us

SELECTION PROCESS: (TENTATIVE)

Depending on the number of applicants meeting the minimum qualifications and filing requirements, applicants may be scheduled for one or more of the following processes listed below:

- ✓ <u>Oral Examination</u> A panel, consisting of at least two members within a similar field of expertise as the vacancy, will ask structured questions to which applicants must respond orally in order to evaluate the specific qualifications of each applicant.
- ✓ <u>Rate and Refer</u> Referral of the accepted applicants to the Department with the vacancy for an interview.

FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:
Rhonda Duerksen, Personnel Analyst III
(559) 488-3364

Should you feel you need special accommodations due to a qualifying disability, please contact the Personnel Office.

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